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## SU takes steps to ensure first year excellence

By Jodie Lehrer  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University and the Policy Center on the First Year of College have come together to develop "Foundations of Excellence"; a project designed to help students navigate through their freshman year of college and continue to have a successful educational career. Last Tuesday, the beginning phase of the project began with a survey sent out mostly to 100 level class professors.

"We [SU] try to be proactive instead of reactive," said project coordinator and director of The Office of New Student Experience, Lawanda Dockins-Gordy. The aim of this project in the first year is to carefully analyze how new students are being taught in their classes, what programs are, or are not helping, and what programs may need to be added, dropped or more greatly emphasized. "It's an opportunity for improvement," said Gordy of the new project.

In addition to the survey sent to professors, there will be a survey sent out in November to current freshmen to analyze their first year thus far. All recipients are encouraged to respond as it is to their benefit as well as a future freshmen.

The University has put together a task force of students, faculty, and staff members and given them a 12 month timeline. Using the data collected from surveys over the next year, the task force will put together an action plan, citing areas in which improvement should be made in the University's curriculum and policies. Salisbury's task force is modeled after other institutions that have successfully implemented similar programs.

"It's a comprehensive self-study," said Gordy of the effectiveness of the surveys and observations. "It will be beyond an educated guess."

For the first time in school history, the task force will actually take an inventory of what is being done. "We know that people are doing wonderful things," said Gordy.

Other project coordinators involved are Sandra Cohea-Weible, assistant VP of academic affairs, and Dr. Melanie Perreault of the History Department. For more information on the upcoming project, visit the website at: [www.salisbury.edu/academic/foundations](http://www.salisbury.edu/academic/foundations).

"The success of the project depends on the results," said Gordy. "I'm excited about this project."



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Saturday rain did not stop the riders of Seagull Century from completing their 100 mile journey and many waited to see their family and friends cross the finish line.

## Century continued despite weather

By Abby Smith  
News Editor

Despite constant raining all weekend, a flood watch for the Delmarva area, and several detours, Salisbury University still held its 17th annual Sea Gull Century bike challenge this Saturday. Organizers anticipated approximately 6,000 riders to participate in the 100 mile event, which takes cyclists all around Salisbury and the Eastern Shore.

Riders from all around the country turned out to brave the weather and terrain. They began the course around 7 a.m. on Saturday morn-

ing. Although participants' spirits were high, many turned around after short attempts at navigating the water-logged paths. "It's not worth it," said one rider from Virginia who turned around after seeing the conditions of the roads.

Some did not even attempt the course after seeing what Mother Nature had in store. "We signed up, but I've crashed a few times in wet weather, so we didn't go," said one participant.

Although the weather could be described by most riders as less than ideal, there were still those who

enjoyed the camaraderie of the event and did not let the rain damper their spirits. "I'm sure some of them gave it a good shot," said one volunteer at the event. "Lots of people went out...there's a lot of enthusiasm," said another cyclist.

Even though this year's participation was affected by the weather, Sea Gull Century has grown a great deal since the first one in 1989. This first course hosted 68 riders, most of whom were members of SU's bike club. Since then, participation has steadily increased, and Sea Gull Century has gained recognition as

one of the leading cycling events of its kind.

Throughout the years, the Century has supported charitable organizations, and has raised thousands of dollars for organizations that directly benefit individuals and families on the Eastern Shore.

This year, several riders raised money for the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society, as well as Habitat for Humanity, the Salisbury University Scholarship Fund, and Helmets for Kids, an organization that provides free bike helmets to 4th and 5th graders in

Wicomico County.

"Helping to support worthy causes at a local, state, and national level is very gratifying" said Amy Waters, a Century organizer.

Events were planned for riders for the entire weekend, including a Friday night reception with music and vendors, special meals in The Commons, a post-ride lawn party with music, drinks, and food, and a special exhibit in the Atrium Gallery, showcasing Century-related artwork.

## Student Health Organization fights second hand smoke

By Sean Gossard  
Staff Writer

Currently, nearly 25% of the student population smokes. The freshmen class has the highest population of smokers, with 30% identifying themselves as smokers. With the number of student smokers on the rise, the Student Health Organization has started a campaign to help reduce smoking on campus.

The campaign started in the spring of 2005 when the Student Health Organization received hundreds of complaints regarding individuals smoking too close to building entrances. These complaints prompted Student Health Services' Administrative Director Jennifer Berkman to begin working with students on a campaign to alleviate second hand smoke.

"It's been a growing problem on campus," Berkman said. "Many students are forced to walk into their buildings through clouds of

smoke."

Last spring a survey of 531 students was taken on campus and of them 354 claimed to have been affected by second hand smoke. In the survey students were asked where they were exposed to second hand smoke the most. The two highest answers were in bars at 236 votes followed by just walking around campus with 234 votes.

Currently there is a policy on campus that students must stay at least 20 feet away from dorm buildings while smoking; however there is no such restriction regarding the distance they must be from the lecture halls.

One idea the Campaign is pushing for is special areas designated for smokers. The areas would provide protection from the weather and allow students to go in and out of buildings without being forced to walk through smoke.

"Many of the current student smokers are in favor of this plan

because they would be able to have protection from any weather while they are smoking," Berkman said of the proposed plan.

While SU is in the beginning stages of addressing the issue of second hand smoke, many schools in Maryland have much stricter policies on smoking. Some are even becoming smoke free.

"We are behind many other schools in their smoking policies," said Berkman. "We need to become more strict against second hand smoke near buildings."

Students on campus have mixed feelings about the proposals for new smoking policies.

"I have a lot of friends that smoke outside of Severn and I really don't think it would be fair to put them in the parking lot to smoke," said sophomore Nick Gardner.

Sam Jones, a non-smoker said "Most of the time many people smoke right outside my room and I can smell it all night, it's a real

### Photo Story

## Dumpster fire in Old Zoo alarms Salisbury authorities



Photo submitted by Geoff Leadbeater

Salisbury authorities responded as a dumpster in the Old Zoo was set on fire October 1. Firemen questioned the students in the surrounding area, however were unable to make any definitive conclusions.



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## News briefs

Mrs. Salisbury Competition Seeking Mrs. Salisbury 2006 to compete in the Mrs. Maryland International pageant on April 1, 2006 at the Chesapeake College Performing Arts Center in Wye Mills, MD.

All contestants must be between the ages of 21 and 56, married for 6 months by July 2006, and either works, lives, or goes to school in Maryland.

The winner will receive an all expense paid trip to Chicago to compete in the nationals. Please call Sherry Benson, State Director, at 410-490-0879 or 410-643-8306.

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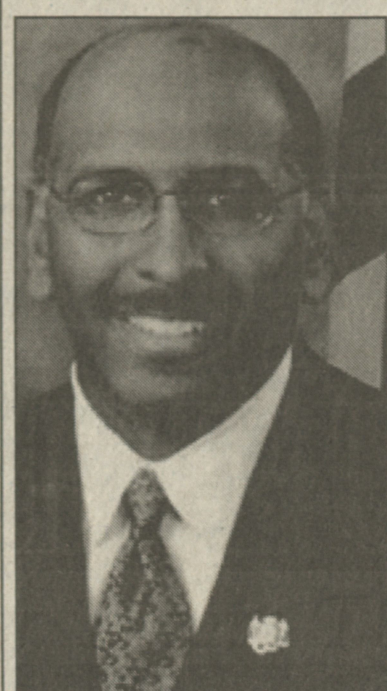
Best Buddies at SU is Looking for Volunteers

Best Buddies has 14 college and university chapters in Maryland and affects more than 400 students. The faculty advisor for the SU chapter is Dr. Rebecca Emery from Career Services.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Best Buddies chapter at SU, please email Best Buddies Colleges Program Manager, Alex Vazquez, at [AlexVazquez@bestbuddies.org](mailto:AlexVazquez@bestbuddies.org) or call (410) 327-9812 ext. 25. For more information, visit [www.bestbuddies.org](http://www.bestbuddies.org).

Local Crime Rash  
The Fruitland Police Department is asking residents of Clyde, Hayward and Sheldon Avenues to be aware of unknown individuals in their neighborhoods. On 10/3/05 they investigated an assault that occurred in the 400 block of Clyde Avenue. At approximately 3:30 a.m. the suspect emerged from a wooded area and assaulted the victim with a knife in an apparent attempted robbery. The victim required several stitches. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Fruitland Police Department at 410-548-2804 or Crime Solvers at 410-548-1776.

## Lieutenant Governor Steele speaks to SU



By Abby Smith  
New Editor

Michael S. Steele, Lieutenant Governor of the state of Maryland addressed Salisbury University students and faculty on Wednesday. The Lieutenant Governor's speech focused on encouraging students to participate in their community and become involved with civic issues.

"What irritates me about you is your failure to engage," said Steele, referring to the lack of political participation by college students, particularly in the last presidential election. He urged students to follow his example and become fully-involved members of society.

Maureen McNeill, an adjunct professor in the Communication and Theatre Arts Department required her Advanced Public

Speaking class to attend Steele's address.

"I think any time a public official invests time in speaking to a campus community, we have a chance to learn from someone who's walking the walk, as they say," said McNeill, referring to the importance of exposing her students to figures who can inspire others to become civically engaged.

According to Steele, much of his political career has been marked by his minority status. The African-American Republican was also the first black Republican chair in the House of Delegates, and was 1 of 5 Republicans to work on Marion Berry's campaign in Washington, D.C. There have also been rumors that the Lieutenant Governor might be nominated as a candidate for the

U.S. Senate in 2006.

Steele related a story to the audience about a time he visited the Baltimore City Jail to talk with 13-17 year old young men about role models. According to Steele, all of the young men said that they had no role models growing up. Steele said that although college-age students may have what they consider to be role models, ultimately, "The role model is you," he said, and urged students "Don't forget who you are."

Although Steele touched on political issues, he did not push a specifically partisan agenda. "His talk was very public service oriented," said senior Brian Basner. "He talked more about not paying attention to parties when government is helping people out."

## Salisbury among the 100 best communities in the country for young people

By Meredith Maguire  
Staff Writer

America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth, has recently named Salisbury and Wicomico County among the 100 best communities in the country for young people.

"Winning this award really recognizes (Salisbury's Promise's) efforts and the efforts of other local community organizations," said Salisbury's Promise coordinator Andrew Kitrow.

Salisbury's Promise, a branch of America's Promise, strives to bring five promises to the youth of

America. These commitments include caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, marketable skills, and opportunities to serve.

"I totally support the community in bringing the 5 basic America's Promise pledges to improve life's chances for children in our county," said Social Work professor Dr. Liddell.

Madden. Salisbury's Promise partners with other local organizations, including Boy Scouts of America, Wicomico Mentoring Project, and ShoreCorps/PALS. "Salisbury University is committed to children

in the Salisbury/Wicomico County area through these and other programs," said University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach in a recent press release.

Kitrow said winning the award showed the cohesiveness of our community. "This award gives the other students in the community, either high school or the students here at the university, the initiative to help out," said Kitrow.

Salisbury's Promise helps to unify the organizations of Salisbury/Wicomico County. By joining their efforts they hope to

positively affect all the youth in our area.

"This leads me to believe Salisbury's Promise will make a positive difference on an ongoing basis for many children," said Madden.

There will be an event held on November 2 at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC to honor the 100 best communities. The winners have also been listed in Newsweek.

For more information, or to become involved with Salisbury's Promise call 410-677-5396.

## Crime Beat

09/28/05  
06:00 PM-06:03 PM  
Hit & Run Accident -  
Witnesses reported to

University Police that a hit & run accident had just occurred in the Caruthers Parking lot. With assistance from the witnesses, the suspect vehicle was located. Motor vehicle charges have been filed against the driver.

09/28/05  
10:10 PM

Alcohol Violation-A student was found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages in Pocomoke Hall. The student is underage and was issued a civil citation.

09/29/05  
10:35 AM

Theft-A student reported a cellular telephone had been stolen from the Blackwell Library. The cellular telephone was inside of a backpack that was left unattended on a table for a brief time. During the same time period a subject was seen ransacking another unattended backpack, but nothing was taken.

09/29/05  
07:00 PM

Telephone Misuse-An employee reported receiving unwanted telephone calls from an estranged spouse.

09/30/05  
11:30 PM

Alcohol Violation-A student was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage in the Devilbiss Parking Lot. The student is underage and was issued a civil citation.

## EDITORIAL

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## Overheard What does your tattoo symbolize?

By Lindsey Richman, Staff Writer &amp; Photos by Jed Adelman



It is a symbol, it's a peace sign. In the 70's, it symbolized disarmament for nuclear weapons. It eventually became a sign of peace.  
-Peter Staubs, sophomore



I just got it because I wanted a tattoo.  
-Danielle Lombardo, Cool Beans worker



It represents my coat of arms.  
-Rohry Flood, grad student



It represents a memorial for my father.  
-Ryan Sley, sophomore

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## Letters to the Editor

## Due Now refreshes Red Square October elections will determine Liberia's fate

Dear Editor,

Usually the bands and activities that come to this campus are very mediocre at best. However, this past Friday in Red Square the university campus was graced with the presence of Duenow. Normally I would stay away from such an event because I am usually disappointed by the music and the turn out is always poor. I have to say that by far this was the best band to play Salisbury University in the 4 years I have been here. Some people were or would

probably be put off by their very honest and colorful lyrics. I on the other hand thought that is what made them as a band. This husband and wife duo showed so much originality and punk that it was almost too hard to contain. The crowd seemed to have mix feelings about them, but I would love to shake the hand of the person who brought them to campus. On a campus where there is little to no diversity I wish that we could see more acts like this. It was refreshing to hear something

new and I had hoped that more people would have been there to experience it and contribute since it was a benefit for the survivors of hurricane Katrina. One of the great uplifting things was that Zach and Dot were willing to give a CD to anyone who donated \$5-\$10 to the Katrina donations. That is testament of true musicians.

Sarah Hund  
Senior

Alvino Medina  
Special to The Flyer

October 11, 2005 will be an extremely important date for the people of Liberia. On this historic day, elections will be held to determine the country's next president. Exactly how many of us here in the United States will really comprehend the magnitude of this is to be seen. The United States government will certainly monitor it closely, as they should, but an important character will not be completely out of the picture. He is Charles Taylor, who for years, and even today, has tormented the lives of many Liberians.

The elections will be detrimental in helping this tiny country back to its feet. Liberia, a West African nation, has endured great suffering for years at the hands of ruthless warlords, especially Taylor. The ex-Liberian warlord has lived in exile in the neighboring nation of Nigeria, enjoying all the benefits and privileges that can be afforded.

The Bush administration has advocated its free-wheeling ideal of democracy in all parts of the world. While this ideology is great and would be excellent if it were possible, there are nations who suffer greatly and nothing is ever done. Liberia is one of these nations.

After years of civil war and brutally under Taylor, the United States has done nothing to intervene. Even while in jail, Taylor has had the opportunity to carry on transactions and negotiations while Nigerian president, Olusegun Obasanjo, has turned the other cheek. Obasanjo has stated various times that he will turn over Taylor to the new Liberian government but this is seen as a farce in the eyes of many Liberians.

There are those who have helped in any way that they can and

one of these true heroes is George Weah. Weah, Liberia's prodigal soccer son, is vying for the presidential seat. He has established himself as a leading candidate because what he has done on the soccer field. On countless occasions he has helped the impoverished citizens of his country and has single handedly supported the national soccer team. Without him, there would be no Liberian soccer team. His willingness to fulfill the dreams of many Liberians on and off the soccer pitch would greatly be enhanced if elected president.

The African continent is plagued by corruption in every aspect but little is ever done. But why? Why not here? Why concentrate our efforts further to the east when their systematic way of life never perturbed us in any way or form. Douglas Farah, special correspondent to the Washington Post, writes that "The Bush administration has promised to let freedom ring throughout the world and has used massive human rights violations as a justification for an invading foreign country."

What exactly justifies invading and attacking a country and not intervening in the countries that really need it? This double standard of invading a country in the name of democracy and not others is so hard to understand. There is so much corruption and injustices in this world and a chunk of it is right under our noses. Liberia will be faced with a massive decision on October 11. Massive because of the implications it could bring in the everyday life of the Liberian citizen. It is important to know that whoever is elected president, the task that will be bestowed upon he or she will be great and Taylor's shadow will be lurking.

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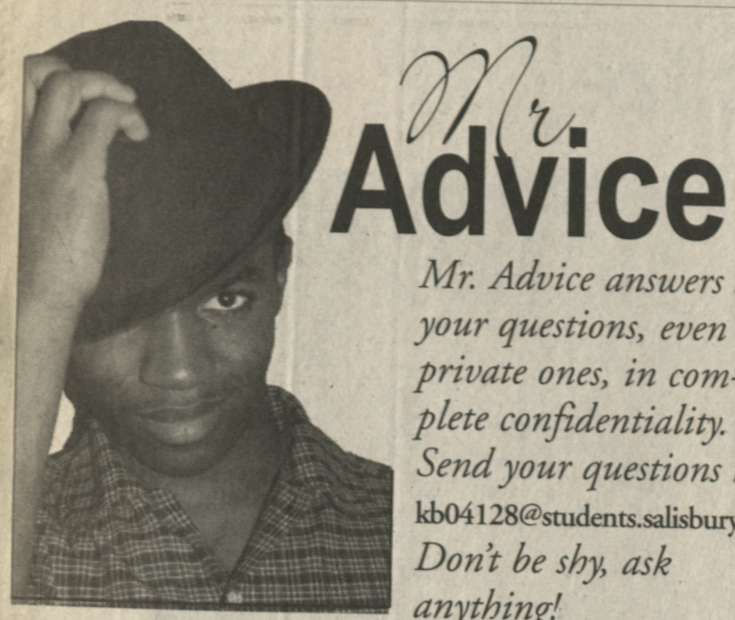
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I don't feel trusted in my relationship right now. I figure it's because I'm still good friends with my ex-boyfriend, but I don't understand how my boyfriend now still acts weird around me when we're around him or if I'm just walking with him.

In this case, you both are going to put yourselves in each other's shoes to see how that person feels about the situation. For him, he might be curious and concerned as to why you two are good friends because for some people, it is a little strange. I am not saying ex-boyfriends or girlfriends can't be friends, but depending on how much affection you show him, it could give your boyfriend some suspicions. If he had an ex-girlfriend who wanted to hang out with him a lot, would you be at least a little concerned? On the other hand, you could just be hanging with your ex only as friends and that could be all that he wants. Like I said, both of you are going to have to put yourself in each other's shoes. I don't know if he's getting upset with you or the fact that your ex is good friends with you. You may want to clear any misunderstandings with your boyfriend. If you clear misunderstandings and show your boyfriend that there is no threat, I'm sure he'll come around, but it all depends on him and how he feels. Sit and discuss with each other about it all.

I'm in a financial jam right now and I don't want to pull out any loans or anything. I need to have a steady income and I've been thinking about getting a job, but I'm not sure who is flexible and who isn't.

Many students are low on the funds, getting a job is a great idea... if you can handle it with your work load. Make sure you know what jobs are even available first. The best way to find out about who is and isn't flexible is to go there and talk to the manager. A good piece of advice that I'd like to give you is to find out if there are any jobs that relate to your major. That way you have something extra to put on your résumé for grad school or a career, while getting the funds you need. Start with on-campus jobs, because it's close access and they're flexible. If you know of any spot off-campus where you'd like to work, then go for it. Make sure it fits with your schedule and that you still have time to study! Also, make sure you have some down time to recuperate. Hopefully, with the job that you choose, you'll have the funds to keep you stable. If not, you may have to rely on the loans. It's just borrowing money that you'll pay back later. But focus on getting a job first before loans, if you think it will keep you stable enough.

I recently started going out with this girl a few weeks back and I thought she was great. One problem though, she never likes to go out with me anywhere anymore. I ask her and I usually get, "Oh I'm too tired," or "I think I'll just stay in tonight, I'll see you tomorrow," or something along those lines. I'm somewhat concerned because I don't think I've done anything for her to pull away like this. Could it be someone else? Could it be something I'm not doing? Is there something that I'm not aware of?

The thing is, it could be any of those questions you ask, or it could be something different. Something could be going on in her life right now. Finding out what it is, will clear up a lot of confusion. In this case, confusion isn't good. You don't want to be confused about what the real deal is and confront her, because then you made an assumption and you might get yourself into something you never wanted in the beginning. It is good, though, that you are picking up on signals. If you're looking to find out about her, the obvious way to get it done is to be direct and ask her why it is always, "I'm too tired," because maybe she is going through something. Usually, you may not want to think that it's someone else, because then it feels as though you lose trust in that person. If it actually is another guy and it is revealed, you need to talk and make that decision of what is going on. You need to find out where you stand in this relationship. If you think it's something you're not doing, surprise her. Make her feel wanted. Maybe try flowers and ask her what's on her mind. Flowers may seem like old school surprises, but you never know until you try. Being spontaneous is a good way to keep her on her toes about you. Like I said, you never know until you try, she just might like that.

## Student Spotlight

# VP of Geographic Society

By Contessa Crisostomo  
Staff Writer

Junior Amy Rada has more on her mind than the science classes within her Clinical Lab Sciences major. As vice president of the Geographic Society, she takes a break from the lab and joins club members on adventures such as camping, white water rafting, and even a trip to Puerto Rico. In addition to a full course load and scheduling future trips for the Geographic Society, she also finds time to give campus tours to prospective students.

## What made you decide to join the Geographic Society?

I found it when I went to the Student Activities Fair and it looked interesting seeing the pictures of camping and white water rafting. I really enjoy traveling and the outdoors and I wanted to get involved in a club.

## The Geographic Society is known for their trips. What kind of trips do you take?

We usually do a big spring break trip. My first year, we went to Death Valley in California, last year we went to Puerto Rico, and this year we're taking a road trip. We're going to southern states, such as Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi. We're

going to Mammoth Caverns and we're planning on white water rafting.

## What was your favorite trip?

Puerto Rico was great, it was a new experience. We went through the rain forest, we went snorkeling, and went to the beach for a few days. We got to visit Old San Juan, a tourist area with shops and restaurants. We were broken up in groups, but the trip brought us close. In the rainforest, we got to swim under a waterfall, and snorkeling was at night, which was cool. It was definitely a once in a lifetime experience.

## Which trip do you think stood out for the others you've taken?

The white water rafting trip stood out because it was my first time camping. I enjoyed it, I would do it again. It cleared your head because you're away from television and the internet and cell phones and stuff. We could just sit around the campfire and talk. We got to know each other a lot better.

## The Geographic Society won the overall Homecoming events this year, having the best banner and block party game. How do you feel about that?

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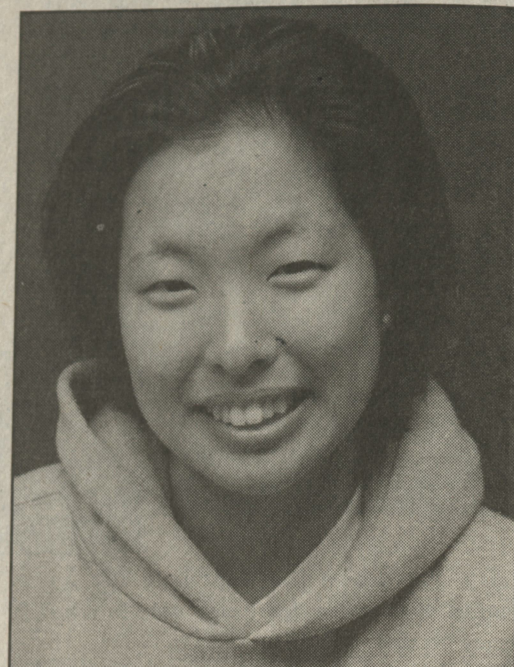
This was our second consecutive year winning homecoming events, which says something about the club, because our previous president graduated last year and it shows that we can still keep the club going.

## Your block party game seemed to be the most popular with the water balloon slingshot with professors as targets!

This was our second year doing the water balloon slingshot. We went to as many professors as we could to ask if they would volunteer to be targets. We had professors from Chemistry, Biology, and Geography. Dr. Mitchell and his wife were a huge help, getting us pizza and staying the whole time.

## You're also a University Host, giving campus tours to prospective students. How do you like doing that?

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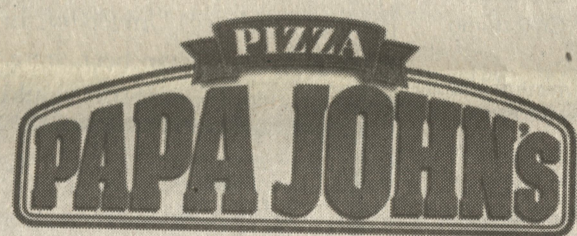


Chris Baum/ The Flyer

Amy discovered the Geographic Society during Salisbury University's Students Activity fair

## What do you plan to do after you graduate?

After graduation, I would like to find a job first and then eventually go back to grad school. There are many different routes you can take. You can work in forensics, for the Red Cross and do their blood banking, or for a private doctor and do their tests. I'm still trying to decide, because you don't have to work in a hospital, you can work for a company, like CDC or Beckin-Dickenson. For right now, I think I would like to work in a hospital lab.



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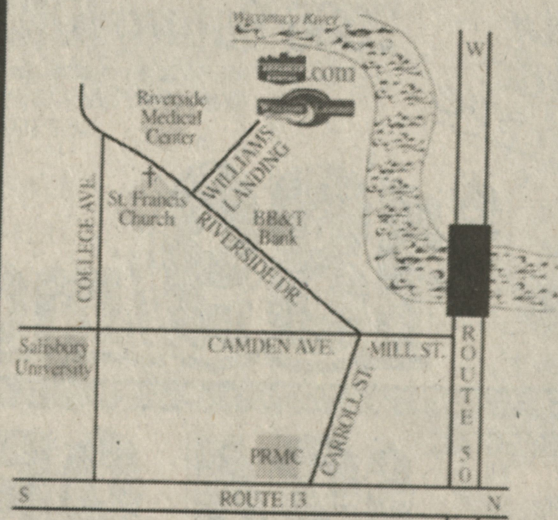


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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Bottle Factory features new "Comedy Zone"

A weekly comedy show as a low cost alternative to dinner and a movie

By Joshua Hughes  
Staff Writer

If you're twenty-one and you like comedy, then you're in luck according to the staff of the Bottle Factory. Every Saturday at 9 the Bottle Factory will now host two comedians in a two hour show.

"The great thing about this is that these comedians are on national tours and [our customers] get the same show here that someone else would in Las Vegas, except for less money," says Dan Mattson of the Bottle Factory.

The price of admission is eight dollars per person, and the show usually lasts until 11 PM according to Mattson.

Although Mattson maintains that the prices are reasonable, students on campus seem disillusioned by the price of admission.

"I wouldn't go to the comedy night for eight dollars," says Kate Shelley an SU senior.

"I feel like eight dollars is too much, especially when I'm taking the risk that they might not be funny," agrees another Salisbury senior, Elizabeth Coccia. "It's just sometimes there are comedians that come to the Wicomico room for free, and I can use my dining dollars

to get something to eat if I'm hungry."

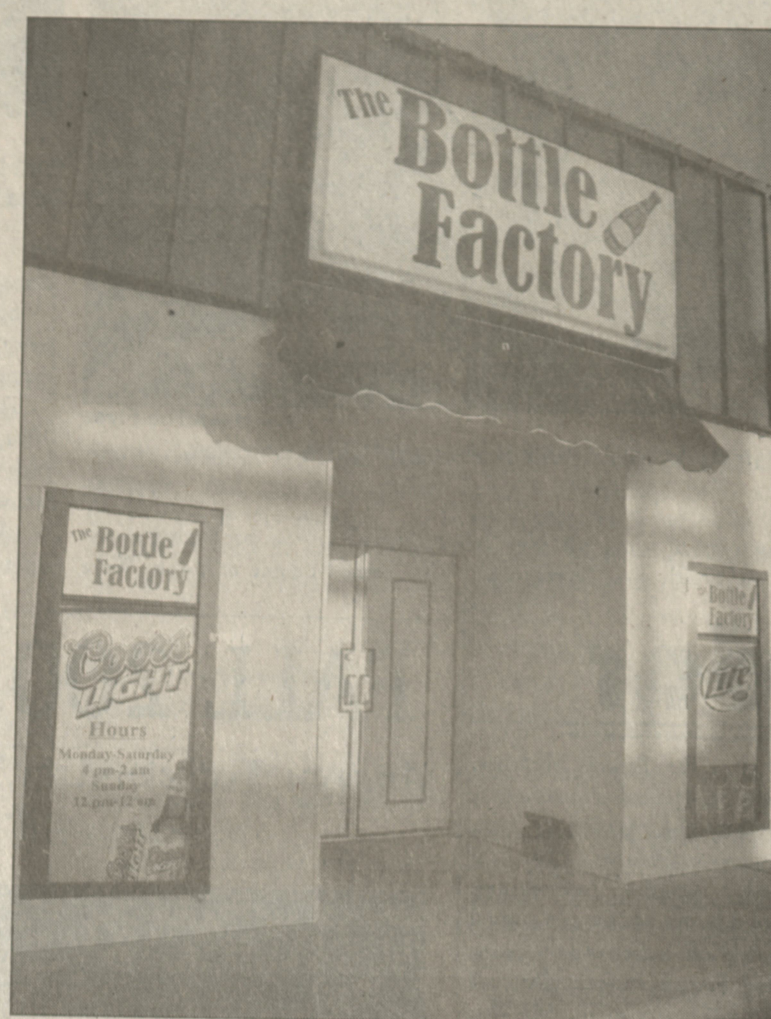
But unlike S.O.A.P., the student activity planning board which hosts free comedians intermittently during the semester, the Bottle Factory offers comedy on a weekly basis for those who don't mind paying for it.

In addition to the cover charge, the Bottle Factory admits they're counting on patrons to spend around five dollars a person on concessions to keep them in business: "the ticket prices are low, so if no one buys anything we can't afford to keep doing it," says Mattson.

"You also have to be 21 to get in," he adds. "It's a part of our night club license."

On October 15th, the Bottle Factory's featured comedians are Dennis Ross, a writer for National Lampoon, and Phil Hogan, who is revisiting Salisbury due to popular demand.

A full list of shows can be found at the Bottle Factory website, www.thebottlefactory.net. The Bottle Factory is located in the Goliath Shopping Center just off of Business US-13, one mile north of campus. Doors open at 6:00 PM, patrons must be seated at 8:45, and the show starts at 9:00.



The Bottle Factory is a great place for those students of age to enjoy quality entertainment.

## Ailey II dances into town showcasing SU diversity

By Stephanie Sokerka  
Staff Writer

A blend of history, talent, and culture will be gracing the stage of Salisbury University next Thursday when the Holloway Hall auditorium will hold one of the most celebrated choreographers in history, as the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre presents the Ailey II dance company.

In 1958, Alvin Ailey and a group of young, black dancers performed for the first time as members of Alvin Ailey's on 92nd street in New York City. Fast-forward sixteen years later to 1974 and Ailey's dream of creating the company finally comes true.

His original goal was to help talented students make the transition from the studio to the stage. Now Ailey has over 30 years of experience making performances.

The dance company has toured extensively in the United States and abroad. Visiting forty cities a year, each performance reflects the company's mission to establish and extend a cultural community that provides dance performances and community programs for all.

Artistic Director Sylvia Walter has been with the company since its launch and was personally selected by Ailey.

Their diverse range of ballets range from Ailey's masterpiece Revelations: a tribute to African American heritage with the inventive choreography in Scott Rink's world premiere Bitter Suite.

The company's original works best demonstrates their grace and flexibility while their choreography illustrates different aspects of the African

"The group is so talented, and I've heard so many good things about them. I'm looking forward to seeing it for myself."

Megan Vicchio  
Sophomore

American heritage, among others, to untie people of different races, ages and backgrounds.

SU students agree that it's great to see more diverse events on campus.

"I'm really excited the Alvin Ailey II is coming, not only are they a terrific dance troupe, but it also shows that SU is trying to be more diverse with its cultural events," said junior Kristen Hawkins.

Critics have praised the action packed show, as a crowd pleasing performance.

"The company can be counted on to deliver high-energy dancing made even more electric by the push of youthful ambition," said the New York Times.

Students are also surprised to see such a treat come to SU as well.

"I'm really excited to see the show. The group is so talented, and I've heard so many good things about them. I'm looking forward to seeing it for myself," said sophomore Megan Vicchio.

The performance is sponsored by the Office of Cultural affairs, and will be held October 13th in the Holloway Hall auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission to the performance is free to the public.

## Photographer Chris Johns teams up with National Geographic for "Wild" exhibit

By Lindsey Richman  
Staff Writer

From October 4 through November 6, the Fulton Hall gallery will be home to world renowned photographer Chris Johns' exhibit, "Wild At Heart: Man and Beast in Southern Africa." The exhibit, which is a National Geographic Museum show, exhibits a collection of 60 photos from one of American Photo magazine's Worlds 25 most important photographers.

In the exhibit Johns focuses on the beauty of Southern Africa's landscape and wildlife while paying homage to Southern Africa's people. In many photos Johns decides to overlap images of the animals and the people.

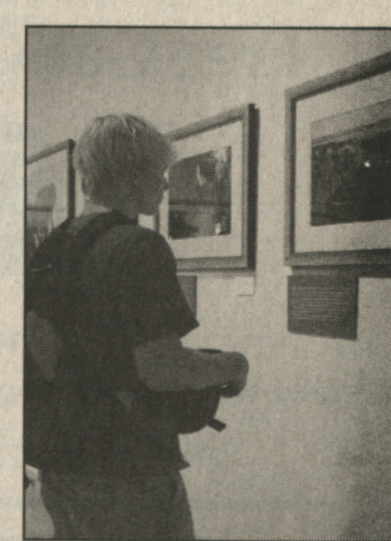
The exhibit has been described by some Salisbury students as primitive and ritualistic due to Johns' focus on imagery. One example is a bleeding elephant trunk.

"I really had tears, [the exhibit is] so profound, it took me aback. I was in here for 45 minutes [and] I didn't move past two photographs," said sophomore Mieke Gentis.

Chris Johns is editor in chief at National Geographic magazine and his exhibit is one that only a talented photographer could accomplish.

One Salisbury sophomore says, "I like the pictures because they capture something, and even if you don't know something about this subject, it's very beautiful."

Johns got his inspiration for the exhibit during his trip through southern Africa. From the Kalahari Desert and Drakensberg Mountains to the Skeleton Coast and Zambezi River. He tried to capture Africa from the



Laura Emmons/The Flyer  
SU alumnus Tom Ayd views images by award-winning photographer Chris Johns in National Geographic's traveling exhibit "Wild at Heart: Man and Beast in Southern Africa."

natural beauty of the animals and landscape as well as the suffering that the African people experience today.

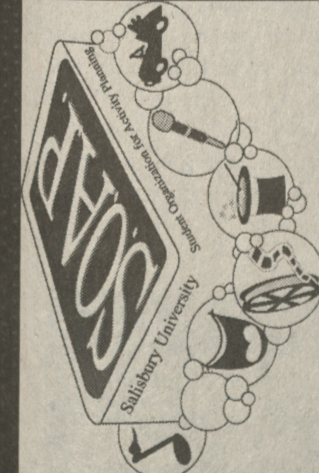
From pictures of native African rituals to a trapped cheetah and a bleeding elephant Johns truly captured the heart of Africa.

"Wild at Heart" is organized by National Geographic Museum at Explorers Hall and is brought to SU by the Cultural Events Department.

"Wild at Heart" exhibit is on display in the Fulton Hall Gallery.

For more information, including exhibit hours, call 410-543-6270.

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# Mother Courage to open Thursday at Salisbury



(Left to right) Steve Drapalski, Megan Davis and Melissa Laur rehearse for Mother Courage which opens this Thursday.

By Kat Hess  
Staff Writer

War, death, money and surviving in desperate times are all topics found in the play "Mother Courage" which opens this Thursday as part of the Bobbi Brown Theatre Program's fall season.

The play was written by Bertolt

Brecht and is directed by Robert Smith and stage managed by Karen Muller.

The plays main character, a war profiteer, Mother Courage, played by senior Melissa Laur, follows around an army trying to make a living with her children. She runs a supply wagon which acts as a can-

struggles in trying to survive, her efforts still result in the war claiming her children.

Brecht, a pacifist, wrote this play on the eve of World War II. The setting for the play is during the Thirty Years War which drew surprising parallels to what was going on in the world around him.



(Left to right) BJ Hoyle, Patrick Herb and Steve Drapalski.

When asked why this play is important, Smith says, "Brecht said

that war was just a continuation of business by other means. I thought that was kind of interesting and in many ways is timely. I think the play, beyond being just topical asks us to think about what some of the motivations are about war and how money influences decision making and the larger thing that Brecht was



(Left to right) BJ Hoyle, Megan Davis, Steve Drapalski and Danny Schall.

on a university campus; it's a good place to think about things."

Smith also mentioned that the selection of this play was based on expressed student interest.

The play will run Thursday the 13th through the 16th, then will pick up again on the 19th and continues until the 23rd.

All performances will begin at 8pm, with Sundays show at 2pm.

Salisbury students receive one free ticket with their gullcard.

For non Salisbury students, tickets are \$10, and to seniors they are \$8.

All performances are in the Black Box Theatre and reservations can be placed by calling 410-543-6228.

## Events Calendar

Film- "Do You Speak American" Award-winning journalist Robert MacNeil explores regional dialects in the three-part PBS documentary "Do You Speak American?" Film will be screened for the final time at 7pm in Canuthers Hall Auditorium. "Do You Speak American?" is part of Salisbury University's Year of Languages Fall Cultural Events Series. The documentary will be screened a second time 7 p.m. Mondays from November 21-December 5. The documentary screening is free, and the public is invited. For information call 410-543-6271 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

Lecture- Brown Bag Discussion Dr. T. Ross Lecture Tuesday, October 11 12 noon Fulton Hall. Dr. T. Ross, Professor of English at Salisbury University is the next speaker in SU's Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Series. He speaks on "Debating Dogma, Rhetorically Speaking: Spenser's Despayre and Milton's Own 'Man of Hell.'" The talk focuses on the use of specific rhetorical devices by diabolical orators (Belial and others) to manipu-

late the thoughts and behaviors of their otherwise pious victims others in literature and film. The presentation is free and the public is invited. Soft drinks and light refreshments will be provided. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

Music- "Hearing History: Big Band Jazz Through the Decades" Both music and literature can help define an era. The SU Jazz Big Band and Blackwell Library join forces 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, to show just how during "Hearing History: Big Band Jazz Through the Decades" at the library. During the program, brief historical readings capturing the spirit of each musical era punctuate the band's musical numbers. Selections include music originally performed by the Count Basie Orchestra, Duke Ellington Orchestra and Woody Herman's "Thundering Herd." The event is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

Lecture- What is the current impact of global warming?

Find out as Dr. Patrick Michaels, nationally recognized climatologist, speaks on the topic 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs, the talk is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6271 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

Music- Brass Band Highlights 32nd Oktoberfest The Salisbury University German Club brings cultural food, games and music to campus for its 32nd annual Oktoberfest celebration Wednesday, October 12. Scheduled from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Henson Science Hall Lawn, this year's festival features the Philadelphia German Brass Band. From noon-2 p.m., the band plays authentic German music, as it has throughout the East Coast for more than 70 years. This is the Philadelphia German Brass Band's second performance at Salisbury University. Performances are sponsored by Dining Services and the Office of Cultural Affairs. For more information call 410-543-6271 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

## FALL 2005 MUSIC SERIES

Andrey Techemazov, cello & Tatiana Goncharova, piano  
All-Russian program



Chris Baum/The Flyer  
On Thursday, October 6 in Holloway Hall Salisbury opened its ears and heart to the beautiful music sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs.

## International authors visit SU through the voices of professors

By Erin Kraus  
Staff Writer

Fall semester theme of "The Year of the Languages" continues at Salisbury University this month through the "Great International Authors Reading Series."

The idea behind the series is to expose students to famous foreign authors. At each a reading a different professor will be reading aloud from a selection of his choice.

The series began on Tuesday, October 4 when Dr. Keith Brower of the modern language department

read from Miguel de Cervantes' "Don Quixote," but any students who missed it need not fear. A reading of another famous foreign author is right around the corner.

On Tuesday, October 11, Dr. Gerry St. Martin, also from the modern language department, will be reading excerpts from "La Grande Breteche," by Honore de Balzac.

This famous French author published more than ninety novels and novellas in the 1800's. He is considered one of the founders of

Realism in literature.

In 1833, Balzac decided to combine his works into on collection as a sort of commentary on society as a whole. He called it "The Human Comedy," a play on Dante's "The Divine Comedy."

The novella is about a lawyer who uncovers a sordid tale of revenge when asked to administer over a neglected country estate.

Dr. St. Martin chose "La Grande Breteche," because, "La Grande Breteche is one of Balzac's shorter works and illustrates his preoccupa-

tion with setting description, reappearing characters and human failings."

He adds that although the discussion and reading will be in English, a French author means a wider audience may participate.

Students can look for details about the readings each Tuesday on the Salisbury website at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

The second reading in this series will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

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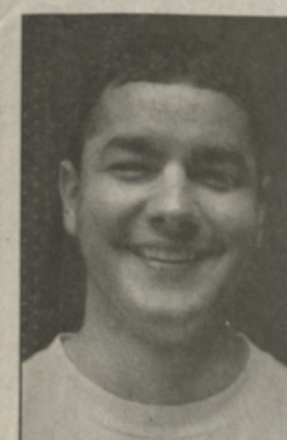
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By Kevin Froehlich  
Sports Editor

I'm sorry, but I have to do this. I've neglected the topic long enough. I wanted to talk about it since school started but it wasn't the right time. But now the time is like Rufus, the thirteenth apostle: it's in its prime.

What am I babbling about, you angrily ask?

I'm talking about hockey. The NHL. You know, that sport that disappeared for a year and now can only be found on Canadian channels, Comcast and NBC. Well, it returned Wednesday, and I for one, cannot be more ecstatic.

To be honest, I really don't know why. I never played the sport. I grew up in a state where hockey is irrelevant (Virginia), they've gotten rid of the Slap Shot style fights, the only games I'll be able to watch this year are the worthless Capitals, and the playoffs—the real season—doesn't start till April.

Maybe it's because I'm still self-loathing over the fact I chose to play football instead of hockey when I was nine. Maybe it's because ever since Michael Jordan retired—the second time, even though he had his moments with the Wiz, and at 501 we had our moments in the "Jordan" drinking game—hockey has been more enjoyable to watch than the NBA (and now that there will be no more Yao vs. Shawn Bradley matchups since Bradley retired, I may swear it off for good...unless the Bulls are on).

Or maybe it's because I really wish I was Canadian. Basically free health insurance since the government covers almost all medical expenses. Think about it: the next time you're with a girl you can say, "Condoms? Where's a condom? What's a condom? Who needs a condom? We'll get a free check-up tomorrow, babe." Ah, those crazy Canucks are onto something.

For those of you who are still with me and didn't throw the paper away after this article's 5th word (it was "hockey," for all you lazy bones), yet are still wondering why you should not only start watching hockey again but even caring, well, you just should. But if you're a little girl and

## Do you smell that? It's hockey season

need reasons why, fine, here are some.

First, for all you purists out there, the player who instigates a fight will receive a one-game suspension. That may not matter to any goons, but for role players who feel they need to announce their presence with authority every once in a while, they'll think twice. Game on!

The league also rid itself of that awful two-line passing rule, which should allow for more breakaways, which will end up in more scoring opportunities. Hockey is just like any other sport. Some people prefer close, low scoring games, but the majority wants lots of goals, and this new rule will feed that beast.

Finally, shoot-outs. Yep, that rare scene of excitement only seen in Olympic hockey and The Mighty Ducks is a key part of today's NHL. No more ties. If the game is still squared away after overtime. Now, if after five minutes of extra time the game is still knotted, we're going to a three-player shoot-out. And in the event that doesn't pan out, we continue on with a sudden death shoot-out. Either way, somebody's winning. No more of this kissing your sister stuff.

True, the NHL still has its flaws. But you can't hold that against the men who are playing the game (except the whole lockout thing, that one you can pin on them). There are still too many teams in too many cities where too many fans don't care. You think the southern states really care about hockey? At the first sign of snow, which isn't very often, they run for cover and cancel school and work for a week.

For the here and now, though, we're going to have to deal with what we've got. And what we've got is the Flyers and Flames seem to be the hot picks for the Stanley Cup; Jaromir Jagr, sadly, still in uniform; the Great One behind the bench in Phoenix; and the Tampa Bay Lightning as the defending champs. I know, sounds weird, kind of like when the Bucs were the Super Bowl champs because we associate Tampa Bay with losing, but that's our penance for expansion.

## UPCOMING NHL SCHEDULES

October 10th 2005

Rangers @ Capitals  
Penguins @ Sabres  
Flames @ Avalanche  
Oilers @ Mighty Ducks

1:00PM  
7:00PM  
9:00PM  
10:30PM

October 11th 2005

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## SPORTS

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Student Athlete Spotlight

## Meet men's soccer's Reid Klopp

By Aaron Boker  
Staff Writer

Reid Klopp is a senior forward for Salisbury men's soccer. Klopp is a communications major from Salisbury and has two goals and three assists through October 3. He also plays a role on a stellar defense that has allowed only two goals this season and is looking to get back to the NCAA Division III Final Four. Let's find out a little bit more about the real Reid Klopp.

How does it feel to play college ball in the same town you grew up in? It's good. It's nice because it is easy for my mom to come watch me play.

Any pre-game rituals? Not really... stretching.

What do you and your teammates do for fun on road games? Listen to music and watch movies mostly. Sometimes Aqua Teen Hunger Force.

Does anyone on the team have any bizarre talents? Yeah, actually one time I saw Scott McGuire do a double back flip off the top of the cross-bar. It was AWESOME.

What's your wacky celebration when you score a goal?

I don't really have one specifically. I usually just run and celebrate with the rest of the team.

Do you do anything for fun when you have a day off from practice or playing?

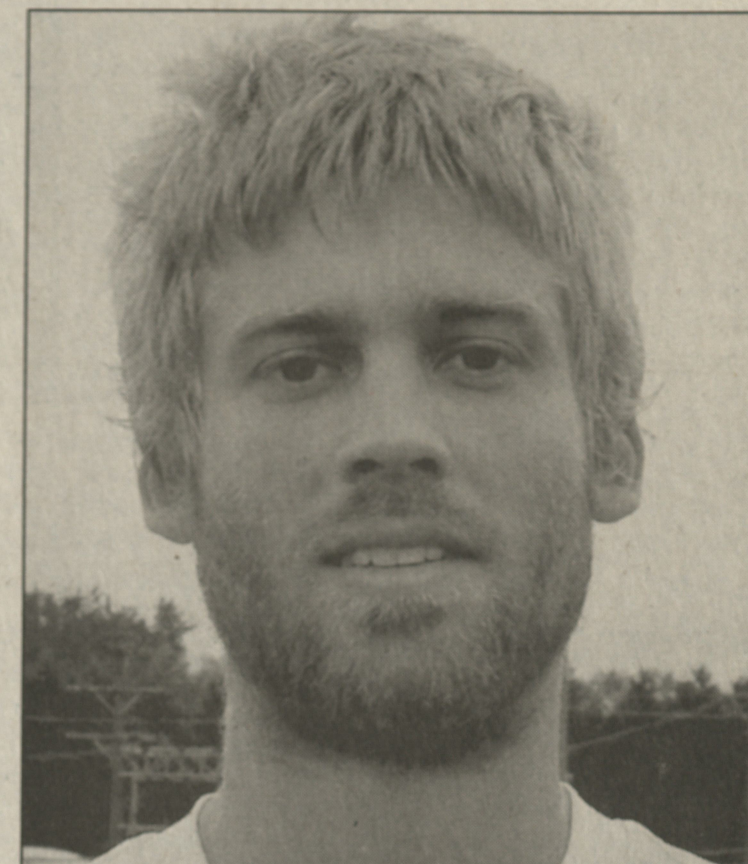
On days off I usually try to relax and maybe get caught up on work. Other than that I just watch soccer on TV.

Describe what will be going through your mind and the rest of the team when you play Messiah on October 22nd, the team that ended your season last year?

I'll just be focused on trying to help the team win. But it's when we see them in the NCAA tournament that it's really going to count.

How are you going to help the team get back to the Final Four and maybe compete for a national championship?

I'm going to work hard. What do you plan to do with your communications major after college? I'm not exactly sure yet, but I'm thinking about going on staff with



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

Reid Klopp is the senior forward for Salisbury men's soccer, and has scored two goals and three assists thus far.

Young Life, which is a Christian outreach for high school students.

Favorite song to crank up in your car when cruising down Route 13?

That's tough. I don't think I have one favorite song, but if it's John Butler Trio, Jack Johnson, Incubus or Dispatch I generally love it.

## Rugby floods St. Mary's

By Angelo Torres  
Staff Writer

Salisbury Rugby notched another win at home Saturday against St. Mary's College, 72-3. With Saturday's win, SU improves their undefeated record to 4-0.

Once the whistle had sounded to commence the match, the rugby field was waterlogged by a steady rainfall. Regardless of the inclement weather, play began on-time and the match was played in its entirety.

Considering the wet ball and puddle-ridden areas of the field, players themselves were surprised at nearly matching their season high of 76 points against UMBC two weeks ago. Curtailling any potential mishaps in the passing game, SU practiced their three-quarter drills on the actual game field as opposed to their normal pre-game use of the practice facility.

"Three-quarter drills, on a day like today, gets us loose and ready to play the game we like to play," said Matt Carroll.

Making good on a try with teammate Jeffrey Childs was Greg Eaton, who also discussed the difficulties of rainy matches.

"Keeping your feet and holding

"We felt we had a lot to prove going into Saturday's match. We executed what we prepared for in practice. Even with the rainfall, our backs and forwards played extremely well together."

Ashton Thomas  
Rugby Player

on to the ball is the toughest part about playing out here in weather like this," said Eaton.

SU was able to limit weather induced mistakes and kept St. Mary's out of the try zone while forcing the issue on offense. Eaton was joined by eight other Sharks who also contributed tries.

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converted on a try on Saturday. One third of SU's tries were scored by underclassmen including one by freshman C.J. Dyson to end the game. According to Carroll, having scoring capability from the B-side crop is vital to victories on A-side.

"Ever since I began playing rugby for Salisbury, we've been a team that is based on guys being able to step up and play on A-side," said Carroll.

Last year, SU defeated SMC in a very close match, winning 10-3. However, for the rugbys in black and maroon, it was one win they were not particularly proud of.

"We were so frustrated after last year's match," said Erik Woodworth. "We have been looking forward to today ever since then. We wanted to play them (SMC) just as much as we want to play Georgetown every year."

Echoing Woodworth's sentiments was Ashton Thomas, who spoke about Saturday's preparation and execution.

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Thomas and Matt Shover were the other two players who cracked the St. Mary's goal line.

Avenge what they considered a moral loss. SU has torched both UMBC and St. Mary's at home to begin their push for a number one seed in the MARFU tournament next spring. But the road to a number one seed at MARFU is predicated on how well the Sharks perform at the Potomac Rugby Union (PRU) tournament, which begins its first round of play in two weeks.

But this week the Sharks must prepare for their match up with the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy. The match will be played away this Saturday in Annapolis. All early indications say that SU will play at home the following week in the first round of the PRU tournament. Without question a home scenario would benefit the Sharks who have outscored their opponents 148-8 at home this season.



## SEA GULL SPORTS BEAT

By Kevin Froehlich  
Sports Editor

FIELD HOCKEY

For the first time in a while the No. 1 field hockey team had to overcome a second half deficit, this time stealing a win from host Catholic on Wednesday, 2-1. Brittany Elliott and Lynette Sprignoli notched the two goals, both of which came with under five minutes remaining in the contest. Kim McLeod had an assist for the Gulls (11-0).

MEN'S SOCCER

Matt Blue continued his stellar play in goal for the No. 9 men's soccer team, as he stoned both shots he faced in a 1-0 win over Goucher on Wednesday. Christopher Mills scored the lone goal for SU (11-0-1, 5-0 CAC) in the 55th minute.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team reached 20 wins for the sixth time in the past nine years with its 3-0 sweep of host Goucher on Wednesday. Abbey Petrecca led the way for SU (20-5, 4-0 CAC) with nine kills and 34 assists. Lindsay Lawson chipped in with eight digs.



# SU club Ice Hockey seeks recognition

By Angelo Torres  
Staff Writer

Virtually all of Salisbury's athletic programs are a threat to compete for championships in their respective sport, year in and year out. An NCAA title here, an NCAA title there, a cliché applies here: A tradition of excellence.

Learn, Live, Lead is SU's three-part mission and challenge to its co-eds. But, the expectations of Salisbury athletics goes a bit further than learning, living, and leading. Look no further than last year's run at the Director's Cup. Salisbury brought home two NCAA Division III championship trophies. One of those trophies belongs to men's lacrosse who won its third title in as many years, while field hockey completed its run at back-to-back titles. Nine out of Salisbury's 21 programs competed in the NCAA tournament, with four making it to the final round or further, ultimately resulting in a ranking of 11 out of 430 schools.

With the prestige and perennial notoriety that accompanies these dynasties, some teams go unrecognized. Those most affected are the University's club-sports teams. The men's rugby team will be going for its fifth NCAA Division II title this year and is rarely rewarded a blurb, sans this publication.

So too is the plight of the SU ice hockey team. That's right, hockey, but unlike the SU rugby Sharks, this club claims Sammy as their mascot. The Gulls are coming off their most successful season to date and are looking forward to a rematch with Loyola in the ACHB finals.

Who knew?

Last February, with only ten players dressed in the championship, the Gulls lost 4-2. According to hockey president Chris Rabul, it was a loss that would later form the Gulls present identity.

"We had to play half strength against the best team (Loyola), and still came close to winning," says Rabul.



A spectator, and former coach of George Washington, Thomas Houlihan was transfixed.

"He said he had never seen a team play with so much heart," remem-

bered Rabul. "So he left GW to coach our team."

Though the Gull's annual budget of \$3,000 is five times less than that of rival Loyola, SU remained

focused on this season with Houlihan at the helms.

"We play teams with bigger budgets, and many players often opt to go to those schools," says Rabul. "But we have a strong recruiting class."

SU hockey returns two captains, Maxwell Herrett and Jac Truhler. They also return veteran Tim Fogarty and welcome Grant Goodwin, an SU transfer student. According to Rabul, Fogarty and Goodwin are two of the team's marquee players.

Fogarty and company begin their run at the ACHA's this week, thirty miles away from campus, and it's not an away game.

Once a week, SU hockey makes their pilgrimage to Harrington, DE, for practice.

"We usually practice from 10:45 p.m. to midnight," says Rabul. By the time the ACHB, 16 team championship tournament begins, the Gulls will have already traveled around 1,200 miles worth of round-

trip bussing to Harrington.

The team seems to simply shrug off the long road-trips and low-budget. They're more concerned about building their own fan base. Rabul trusts that this goal will fully be realized if and when neighboring Fruitland opens a recently proposed ice rink.

"If the students came to one of our games, I guarantee they would be hooked," says Rabul.

On October 1st the team played its first game at the MCI Center after the Capitals-Flyers game. This past weekend they were supposed to open their home schedule against Dickinson College, however it was cancelled. This weekend they are scheduled to play Catholic at home.

Skating within their means, this year's hockey team is looking forward to next February and a potential rematch with Loyola.

## Cross Country excels at states

By Noah Wood  
Staff Writer

The SU cross country teams competed very well at the Maryland State Championships at Oregon Ridge Park in Cockeysville, Maryland on Friday afternoon, with the men finishing third out of 14 teams and the women placing second.

The men's team was the best team

from Maryland, with the very hard-to-beat team of Haverford and John's Hopkins on their heels. In addition, the Sea Gulls had to contend with driving winds as they ran.

"It was a really tough week for the team, and everyone really stepped up when they had to," said sophomore Brian Eagan. Eagan finished fifth on the team and contributed a great deal to its success at the meet.

"I'm just really proud of our men and how we took a step forward and competed very hard today," said head coach James Jones.

The women's team also had an outstanding race, running one of their better races of the season. They persevered as a team through the mud and slippery grass from the rain.

"I think we got in deep and fisted

the competition," said freshman Glenna Sullivan, who finished first for the Sea Gulls and had one of her best efforts of the season.

"I was very pleased with the women," Jones said. "To place second in a meet of that caliber just shows how good our women's team really is this year. I'm just proud of both teams and how we held together over the last week."

### Cross Country Summaries

**Men's Team Results**  
Swarthmore College - 52 pts  
Muhlenberg College - 71 pts  
Salisbury University - 110 pts  
Haverford College - 115 pts  
Johns Hopkins University - 115 pts

**Men's Individual Results: 8-Kilometer Race**  
Scott Koehler - Sr. - 8th - 27:37

**Women's Individual Results: 6-Kilometer Race**  
Glenna Sullivan - Fr. - 7th - 23:14.00  
Amanda Hill - Fr. - 8th - 23:16.00  
Kelly Sullivan - Fr. - 13th  
Casey McNerny - So. - 14th

**Women's Team Results**  
Towson University - 45 pts  
Salisbury University - 67 pts  
Haverford College - 68 pts  
Franklin & Marshall College - 97 pts  
Johns Hopkins University - 164 pts

## Head for the seats of Busch

By Shawn Nisson  
Staff Writer

Baseball has had a tumultuous season this year trying to deal with its steroid problem. However, the 2005 postseason is primed to be one of the best in recent memory. The Cardinals, White Sox, Braves, Yankees, Red Sox, Astros, Angels and even the Padres have earned their way into the fight for the elusive World Series title.

The San Diego Padres (82-80), representing the lowly National League West, should be excited that they made the playoffs. If they played in any other division they would have finished at least eight games back and well out of the playoff picture. Khalil Green, Xavier Naddy and Jake Peavy are all great young players poised to become stars. The Padres still need another bat or two, and another pitcher or two before they will have a legitimate chance to compete for a championship.

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim will only win one title this year: the most ridiculous name in sports award. Even with "Vlad the Impeller", Franky "K.Rod" Rodriguez and Bartolo Colon, the Angels are still missing a few pieces to get over the hump and win another title. The Angels should give the Yankees all they can handle, however, and push the series to a game five.

The Astros have the best short series rotation ever with Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Roy Oswalt, but their inability to score runs will haunt them. The 'Stros' have the best bullpen in the playoffs with Chad Qualls and Brad Lidge, who have the ability to be lights out and shorten a game to seven innings. With the loss of last postseason's star, Carlos Beltran, it will be hard for Houston to get out of the first round

against the Braves.

The defending World Champion Boston Red Sox, (take a second and read it again just in case you've been in a coma for the past 12 months) lead the league in almost every offensive category. Unfortunately for the 'Bo Sox', they are missing the magical pitching that carried them through the post season last year. David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez will try to outscore their opponents one swing at a time but will come up short against the White Sox, nixing any chance for the "World's Greatest Comeback II" against the Yankees.

Speaking of those pesky New Yorkers, they hold claim to second place in almost every offensive category but lack the dominate pitching that carried them through the playoffs at the end of the century. The Yankees will be motivated to get the bad taste out of their mouth after last year's incredible collapse against the Red Sox, but this is not their year to return to the World Series. Watch out for an '06 run, though.

The 2005 season marked the Braves 15th consecutive pennant, which has to be ranked as one of the greatest streaks in sports. The Braves went through and embraced a youth movement with Jeff Francoeur and Adam LaRoche. Even though they experienced some "growing pains," they still clinched the division. And, oh yeah, they still have the Joneses, Andrew and Chipper, and one of the most dominating postseason pitchers in John Smoltz. The Braves will fall just short of the World Series this year and anything other than a World Series birth next year will be disappointing for them.

The Chicago White Sox have not won a World Series since 1917 and are probably going to have to wait a few more years. Ozzie Guillen, in

just his second year, has managed brilliantly all season long, knowing when to push all the right buttons at all the right times. The White Sox have played great ball all year, but only one team has played better.

The St. Louis Cardinals are poised to win a World Series and send Busch Stadium out with a bang. The Cardinals have everything: great hitting with Albert Pujols and Larry Walker, incredible defense with David Eckstein and Jim Edmonds, and unhittable pitching with Chris Carpenter and Matt Morris. Back all of that up with a solid bullpen, with Julian Javier and Jason Isringhausen as the anchors, along with the embarrassment of getting swept in last year's World Series, and you get your 2005 World Series Champions.

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## Sea Gull Sports Calendar

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	- Field Hockey vs. Rowan at 4:30 p.m.				- Field Hockey vs. Frostburg St. at 12 p.m. - Football vs. Buffalo St. at 1 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Roanoke at 2 p.m.	